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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

REP. LYDDY, 106th Dist.

REP. ESTY, 103rd Dist.

REP. ORANGE, 48th Dist.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING RETURN OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS TO PHARMACIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 400j of the general statutes be amended to allow
2 consumers to return unused quantities of prescription drugs to the
3 pharmacy that supplied such drugs. Pharmacists shall thereafter
4 determine whether the returned prescription drugs may be
5 redispensed, and if so, such drugs shall be placed in a repository to
6 facilitate redispensing through the state's Medicaid program. Only
7 those prescription drugs that have not expired and that are safely
8 contained in blister packaging may be redispensed. In the event the
9 pharmacist determines that the returned prescription drugs cannot be
10 redispensed, such drugs shall be safely disposed of by the pharmacy in
11 accordance with existing law.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the return of unused prescription drugs so as to: (1) Remove unused prescription drugs from residential settings to prevent misuse or abuse; (2) promote the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs to prevent contamination of Connecticut water supplies; and (3) lower the cost of the state's supported prescription drug programs.